

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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For:	PROSTHETIC VALVE THAT PERMITS RETROGRADE FLOW		

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**REPLY AND AMENDMENT**

Honorable Sir:

The following comments and amendments are made in response to the Office Action mailed on December 22, 2006, in respect of the above-entitled application for patent. Reconsideration of the application for patent is requested in view of the amendments and remarks made herein.

In response to the subject Office Action, Applicants herein amend the claims and provide remarks regarding the listed rejections.

**Amendments to the Specification** are not presented in this paper.

**Amendments to the Abstract** are not presented in this paper.

**Amendments to the Drawings** are not presented in this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2.

**Remarks** begin on page 7.